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# Education

• Massachusetts Institute of Technology Cambridge, MA M.Eng in Computer Science and Engineering Sep. 2010 - Aug. 2011 Thesis: A Cognitive Categorization-Based Approach for Understanding GPA:5.0/5.0Identity Representation Online. Supervised by Professor Fox Harrell • Massachusetts Institute of Technology Cambridge, MA S.B. in Computer Science and Engineering Sep. 2006 - Jun. 2010 and Comparative Media Studies GPA:4.8/5.0

# Experience

• Toys For Bob Novato, CA Quality Assurance Tester Feb '14 - Aug '14

- Tested daily builds for bugs and wrote detailed bug reports
- Created videos for the rest of the developers to mark progress

# • MIT Residential Life Programs

Cambridge, MA Aug '11 - Jun '13 Graduate Residence Tutor

- Mentored 40 undergraduates in personal, educational, and health issues in an MIT dorm
- Collaborated with the Residential Life department to create fun and educational events

#### • Irrational Games

Quincy, MA

Quality Assurance Tester

Nov '12 - Feb '13

- Ensured the quality of BioShock Infinite by finding bugs and writing detailed reports
- Assisted in developing testing strategies for the QA teams

# • Exploratorium

San Francisco, CA Jul '12 - Aug '12

Volunteer

- Designed and built a website to expedite the volunteer orientation process
- Updated a microscope controller program to run on new hardware

#### • MIT Imagination, Computation, and Expression Lab

Cambridge, MA Sep '10 - Aug '11

Research Assistant – Supervised by Prof. Fox Harrell

- Collaborated on a theoretical framework for designing better identity technologies

- Designed and developed a toolkit that implements the theoretical framework
- Planned, recruited, and executed multiple lab studies and reported findings

### • IBM Research - Collaborative User Experience Group

Research Intern - Supervised by Dan Gruen

Cambridge, MA

Jun '10 - Aug '10

- Implemented a system for embedding information into Twitter's web interface about the relationships between a user's followers
- Designed and developed a web application that collects and visualizes information from structured tweets

#### • MIT CSAIL – Haystack Group

Cambridge, MA

Undergraduate Researcher - Supervised by Prof. David Karger

Jun '08 - May '10

- Lead the design and development of a Firefox plugin that makes it easy to capture information scraps and recover them later
- Oversaw a team of 2-3 undergraduates developing features for 32000 users

### • MIT Media Lab – Tangible Media Group

Cambridge, MA

Undergraduate Researcher - Supervised by Prof. Hiroshi Ishii

Jun '07 - Aug '07

- Developed a system for using a hand or laser to assist in interpreting and altering a 3D virtual model with physical representations of the model

### Skills

- Very comfortable with computers using any operating system and common office applications
- Detail oriented, organized, and self-directed
- Comfortable working independently or in groups
- Proficient in software engineering with a strong knowledge of Python, Javascript, and Java
- Familiar with collaborative development software including Perforce, Git, FogBugz, and DevTrack
- Experience testing video games on PC, Xbox 360, and Playstation 3